

SACRED HEART PROVINCE
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

NEWS BRIEF

Note: There was NO October 8, 2021 News Brief

October 15, 2021



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

It's part of our Franciscan tradition to bless our furry friends on or near the Feast of St. Francis. On Sunday, October 3rd, there was the Blessing of Animals at Casa Chiara, organized by the Sisters of St. Francis. All human and animals, mostly dogs, gathered around the Peace Garden at 11:00 am. There were about 10 people and 15 dogs. (A few cats respectfully declined the invitation.) We each introduced ourselves, our beloved pets, and offered a few words of their value or a funny story. We took turns reading of the Story of the Wolf of Gubbio and St. Francis, then Richard Rohr's Every Creature Is an Ephantany. Afterward, all in attendance placed our hands over the animals for the blessing. The blessing ended with the song: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace in which Sister Sue played the guitar. It was so nice to see all the dogs get along so well and patiently sit with us. All in all, it was a perfect fall day and a wonderful gathering! Thank you everyone and their beloved animals for coming! By Sister Sen Nguyen and Holly Fiedler



PRAYER REQUEST:

Our sisters in our congregation who are ill or needing special requests. (see attached list)

Prayers are also requested for Province of Divine Providence's Chapter, which begin on October 19, 2021.

CHRIST THE KING PROVINCE -ELECTION RESULTS:

Congratulations to Christ the King Province's new Provincial Council! "May your term be a blessing for you, your Sisters, and the world that you serve!" Attached are the official results of the Provincial Election of our sisters in Lüdinghausen, Germany.

Provincial Minister : Sister Judith Kohorst
Date of Profession : February 2, 1993
Date of Birth : July 2, 1964

First Councillor : Sister Mathilde Haßenkamp
Date of Profession : February 11, 1966
Date of Birth : October 29, 1942

Councillor : Sister Susann Stader
Date of Profession : May 10, 1987
Date of Birth : February 5, 1961

May these Chapters be blessed and guided by the Spirit.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING SOUL:

Sister Pat Walsh, OP, who died on October 9th. Sister Pat was co-foundress and President of Emmaus House, a wholistic center for women religious in New Jersey, which had its beginnings 38 years ago. Pat touched the lives of so many people "by her loving presence and extraordinary generosity of heart." Many of our Sisters, across all three Provinces, benefited from the WOW Program (Women of Wisdom) and many other services provided by Emmaus House. "May we all pass on what was given to us." We unite our hearts with the Sparkill Dominicans and Sister Pat's family as they embrace their loss while celebrating with gratitude the life of this woman healer who touched so many hearts with her love.



INTO YOUR HANDS-AFRICA:

The Sister of St. Francis sponsor scholarships for children and teens in Africa through the Into Your Hands program. Attached is their Fall 2021 newsletter with success and grateful stories.

**PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR CLIMATE SUMMIT
IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND:**

Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si Committee and Pope Francis in meeting with worldwide church leaders in Rome asked for our prayers now through November 15th as we approach the International Conference on Climate, COP 26, in Glasgow, Scotland, on October 31 to November 15, 2021. Scientists assert that if in the next 10 years we do not have a real plan to reduce carbon emissions by 50% the climate crisis will result in the death of millions of people and severely damage the sustainability of much of our planet.

Here is a prayer for your use or create your own. Thank you.

We Franciscans ask the Spirit to enlighten the minds of all leaders and citizenry to understand the urgency of action on behalf of the planet. We ask for the grace for all humans to live in balanced relationships with Brother and Sister Sun, Water, Air, Fire, and Mother Earth and all her inhabitants. May we sacrifice for the true needs of all parts of nature for the good of ALL. Jesus, Word of God, and source of all, help us rely on your incarnate presence to guide and transform us to be true children of our source and live-in harmony, integrity and love with all. Amen

5 REASONS WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD CARE ABOUT COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/5-reasons-why-catholics-should-care-about-cop26-climate-summit>

FRANCISCAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:

Co-creators with God, Franciscan Contemplative Prayer, 3rd Tuesday, 5314 Columbine Road, 5:00-7:30PM. A simple meal from 5:00-6:00 pm will include reflective sharing for those vaccinated, living near, and with those who wish to join for presentation and prayer by ZOOM or telephone 6:15PM to 7:30PM. Please register by email, text, or call. Sr. Liz Fuhr at 720-448-4818 or mefuhr@franciscanway.org. All are welcome.



CHAPTER OF MATS – AUGUST 26-28, 2022

It's on again! All sisters and associates will have an opportunity to gather at our Interprovincial Chapter of Mats on August 26-28, 2022, in Stella Niagara! More information is being mailed to you next week. FYI: Registration will begin in March-April, 2022, to re-register and attend this wonderful event!



ARCHIVES – HELP:

“Do you recognize this chapel and door?
These two photos are part of a group of
photographs of a building that is not
identified or dated. If you know of this
building, please Holly Fiedler, SHP
Archivist at

HollyF@Franciscanway.org.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR SISTERS BORN IN OCTOBER!**

- Sr. Paula Archuleta, October 19th

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER’S SCHEDULE:

2021:

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| • October 16-18 | Alliance, NE |
| • November 1-2 | Council Meetings |
| • November 9-10 | LCWR Region XIII Meetings – Atchison |
| • November 13 | ZOOM Reports+ Earthcare |
| • November 20-22 | Alliance, NE |
| • November 25-December 3 | Retreat |
| • December 6-7 | Council Meetings |
| • December 11 | ZOOM Reports+ Cabin |
| • December 14-16 | Alliance, NE |

2022:

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| • January 14-15 (or 21-22 bad weather) | Pre-Chapter Sisters’ Gathering #3 |
| • January 17-18 | Council Meetings |
| • February 12 | ZOOM Reports+ Associates |
| • February 15-16 | Council Meetings |
| • March 15-16 | Council Meetings |
| • March 22-23 | LCWR Region XIII Spring Meetings |

(or March 29-30, April 19-20 or 26-27)

- April 7-8 Council Meetings
- April 22-23 Pre-Chapter Sisters' Gathering #4
(or 29-30 bad weather)
- May 7 Jubilee in Alliance
- May 10-11 Council Meetings
- May 14 ZOOM Reports+ Finance & Archives
- June 7-8 Council Meetings
- June 10-11 Tentative-Chapter Sisters Gathering #5
- June 28-29 Council Meeting
- July 8-9 Pre-Chapter Planning:
Provincial Council, General Minister, General
Councilor, Secretary, Facilitators
- July 10-17 Chapter XVIII !